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Promotion of Women Entrepreneurs
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any study regarding issues/problems being faced by the women entrepreneurs in the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any special schemes for assisting the women entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years and the response of the women entrepreneurs thereto State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote/encourage women entrepreneurs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Ministry of MSME has been implementing two special schemes for assisting women entrepreneurs i.e. Tread Related Entrepreneurship Development Assistance (TREAD) Scheme and Mahila Coir Yojana (MCY).

(c): TREAD Scheme provides grant of upto 30% of financial loans by nationalized banks with an upper limit of Rs.30 Lakh for capacity building and self-employment ventures by women in non-farm activities. Under Mahila Coir Yojana coir processing equipments are distributed to women at 75% subsidy subject to a maximum amount of Rs. 7500/- after imparting two months stipendiary training.

Under the TREAD Scheme Rs. 2.33 crore, Rs. 2.54 crore and Rs. 2.00 crore have been allocated in the years 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively, resulting into benefits for 5455, 8265 and 3560 women entrepreneurs during the last three years respectively. Under the Mahila Coir Yojana Rs. 239 cr, Rs. 88 cr. and Rs. 125 cr. have been disbursed as subsidies in 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16, respectively, resulting into benefit for 445, 354 and 596 women respectively.

(d): Several other steps are being taken by the Government to promote and encourage women in the country e.g. under the Entrepreneurship Development Programme, 20% of total targets are for weaker sections which also include women, and under the MSE-Cluster development programmes extra Government grants are earmarked for common facility centre with more than 50% women owned units. Preferential Government assistance is also available to Associations of women entrepreneurs for establishing exhibition centres to showcase their products.